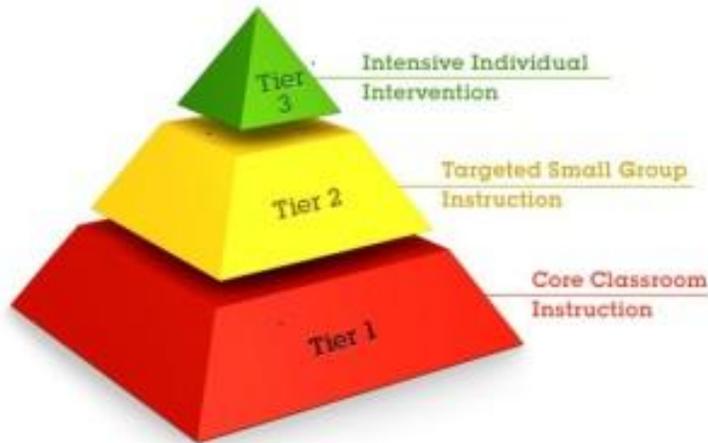


## ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES @ Lumen Christi



### Many Options for Assistance at Lumen Christi

#### Tier One

In educational theory, the tier approach to student assistance makes sense. Many students in “regular” classes need help. Many tier one needs are met in the classroom, during class, before school, after school or in extra enrichment classes. At Lumen Christi, teachers work one to one with students or small groups regularly. Also math and language intervention classes are possible. Tutoring with National Honor Society students is another option. “Titan Time,” an afterschool program, provides assistance from 3-5 each day after school.

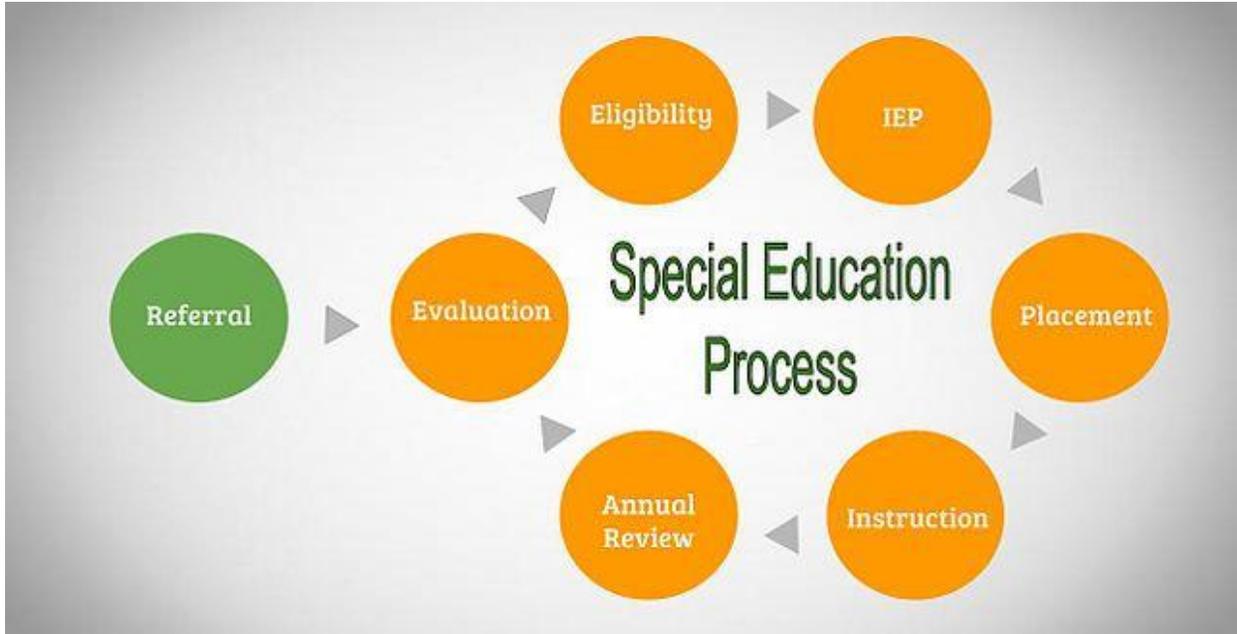
#### Tier Two

The Reading Success class for 7th graders is an example of targeted small group instruction, providing intervention for reading improvement at the 7th grade level. Students can gain 2-3 grade levels in their reading scores. Any student with low reading skills can opt to participate. Our enrichment/ intervention classes can be a tier two option as well. Informal assistance from tech devices (like reading pens or voice to print software) are also options for tier two needs.

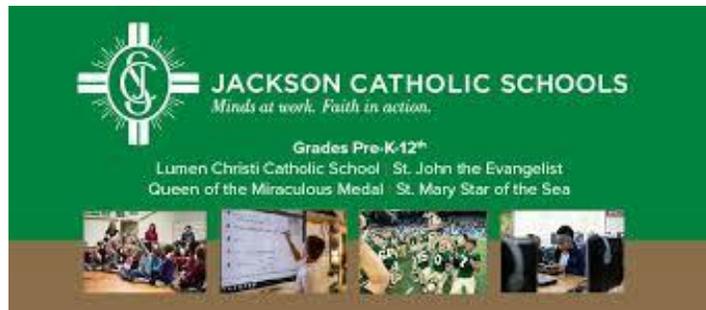
#### Tier Three

Special Education is tier three. There are multiple paths and options for students who need tier three support. Many students with a Non-Public Service Plan or 504 graduate with a diploma and go on to college from Lumen Christi. Lumen Christi relies on several partnerships to meet individual needs.

# Special Education Programming at LCCS

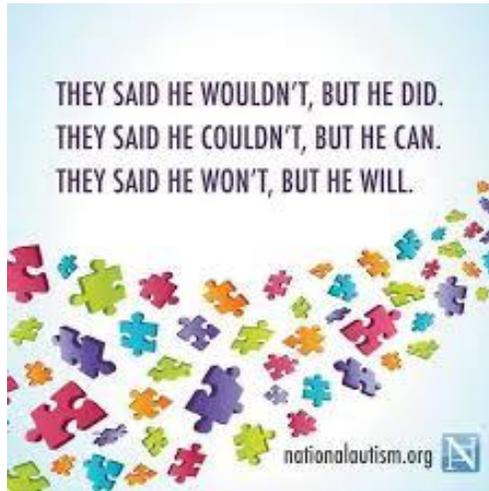


PARTNERSHIPS for SUCCESS, Our 4 JCS buildings partner together.



Since the creation of the Jackson Catholic School District, we are working towards a consistent K-12 framework for meeting the needs of our students. Cooperating with materials and services can only make us stronger! Mrs. Mary Kuhl is the Director of Special Education for the JCS. Working toward a balance between inclusion and individualization, we have multi tiered options in place for students needing academic assistance. We have successfully assisted students with disabilities to graduation and college entrance. We are committed to partnering with each other to best serve our special needs students.

## Special Education in the Jackson Catholic Schools Partnering with the Intermediate School District

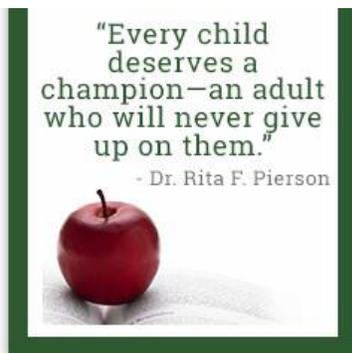


IEP's become Non-Public Service Plans (NPSP) for parochial schools. We have teacher consultant, speech, and psychological services from our ISD when needed.

For example, Mr. Tony Starr is our Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher Consultant. We work cooperatively with Tony for our several AI students. Tony lends us his expertise and also arranges anything else we may need for his students.

There are TC services for hearing impaired, vision Impaired, learning disabled, OHI, and speech disorders available.

## Partnering with Jackson Public Schools: Part Time Focus Classes



For students who are several grade levels away from their chronological group, students can attend a JPS self-contained classroom for 2 to 3 classes in the morning each day focusing on language and math skills. Then, they ride the bus to LC, participate in lunch activities with a mentor and take theology and other mainstream classes in the afternoon. Participation in school activities leads to social, language and class behavior growth.

## Learning Center Resource Classes and Testing Support



### Partnering with our Mainstreaming Teachers

Miss Patricia Smith, Mrs. Theresa Zenz, and Mrs. Kuhl are available for students who are scheduled with a daily time for assistance in the Learning Center. Students work on needed skills through assignments for their content area classes. NPSP and 504 students have accommodations based on their needs and can take tests and quizzes in small group/individualized settings. Supporting our mainstream teachers are part of the program.

The staff at Lumen Christi is skilled in using the mainstreaming model.

For example, Mrs. Lisa Burdick provides accommodations for our special students in her math classes. She communicates with the Learning Center staff about student needs.



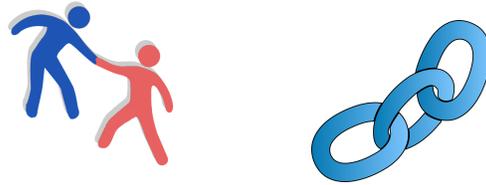
### Spotlight: Reading Success

#### Partnering with Parents

After screening incoming 7th graders with the Nelson Denny Reading Test, we offer Reading Success as a class for a few 7th grade students. It replaces 7th grade Literature. Students work on literature as well as complex reading comprehension skills to prepare them for independent reading success. Readtheory, an online program that adjusts for individual needs, provides work designed to grow their skills. Many students gain 2-3 grade levels.

This is a choice for parents, and those who choose to have their students participate can download and use the program at home. This is just one example of the ways parents partner with us to ensure success for their student.

## LINKS mentorship program Partnering with our LC student leaders



Started in Traverse City, LINKS is now nation-wide. It is a class for kind, compassionate seniors who attend class daily with a special needs student. Based on the push-in model in SPED (assistance right in the regular classroom,) the mentor assists their student academically, socially and organizationally. Mentors meet once a week to learn about education for disabled students. Miss Patty J. Kernstock and Mrs. Mary Kuhl offer them direction for the assistance they are giving.



## Partnering with the Community Career Center

The Jackson Area Career Center offers many job training opportunities that are achievable by special needs students. This is a great resource. This is offered during the last two years at LC.

## MCTI

The Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Plainwell, Michigan offers a college like experience for students with NPSPs. After students complete LC, they can attend MCTI, live in the dorms and finish with a certificate in their area of interest. Job placement and job coaches follow up locally.

## Consumer's Power: Project Search

A great step ahead after graduation for some of our special students includes opportunities like Consumer's Power: Project Search which includes job training in possible areas of interest. Students can live at home for this post-LC experience. Job placement and job coaches provide a path to self-sufficiency.